# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1825
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GOLD AND SILVER SEIZED BY CUSTOMS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the huge haul of gold and silver worth crores of rupees were found and seized by the DRI and Customs Officials at Chennai Airport and other air terminals in Tamil Nadu, in the last three years;

(b) if so, the date-wise list/details of the seizures made during the above said period with the quantity and value of gold and silver seized;

(c) whether the Government have to pay some percentage as incentive to the informers or the persons who gave tips/clues to nab the smugglers; and

(d) if so, the details of the incentives given so far in the last three years for the seizures made in Tamil Nadu?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): 162.08 Kgs. of gold worth Rs. 7.07 crores (approx.)was seized by DRI and Customs officials at Chennai Airport and other air terminals in Tamil Nadu during last 3 years, i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002. There was no seizure of silver during the said period. The date-wise list/details of the seizures made during the said period alongwith quantity and value of gold seized are as per Annexure.

(c) & (d): Reward is given to the informers or the persons who give tips/clues to nab the smugglers as per reward policy framed by the Government. Reward of Rs. 1.36 crores (approx.) has been given to informers for seizures made in Tamil Nadu during the last 3 years, i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002.

ANNEXURE

DATEWISE DETAILS OF GOLD SEIZED BY DRI AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT CHENNAI AIRPORT AND OTHER AIR TERMINALS IN TAMIL NADU DURING LAST THREE YEARS, I.E., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002

| S.No. | Date of Seizure | Place of Seizure | Quantity in Kgs. | Value (Rs. in Crores) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999-2000 | | | |
| 1. | 01.06.99 | Chennai Airport | 5.947 | 0.248 |
| 2. | 17.09.99 | Chennai Airport | 2.548 | 0.103 |
| 3. | 02.10.99 | Chennai Airport | 2.934 | 0.124 |
| 4. | 01.11.99 | Chennai Airport | 5.830 | 0.266 |
| 5. | 02.11.99 | Chennai Airport | 9.320 | 0.425 |
| | 2000-2001 | | | |
| 6. | 01.07.2000 | Trichy Airport | 0.093 | 0.003 |

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| 7 | 16.08.2000 | Trichy Airport | 0.116 | 0.009 |
| 8. | 13.10.2000 | Chennai Airport | 8.155 | 0.368 |

2001-2002

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| 9. | 11.05.2001 | Trichy Airport | 0.100 | 0.003 |
| 10. | 26.06.2001 | Trichy Airport | 0.081 | 0.002 |
| 11. | 11.07.2001 | Chennai Airport | 119.169 | 5.182 |
| 12. | 08.08.2001 | Chennai Airport | 7.689 | 0.336 |
| 13. | 22.08.2001 | Trichy Airport | 0.100 | 0.003 |
| TOTAL | | | 162.082 | 7.072 |